

MEMORANDUM

January 31, 2002

TO: Governor

FROM: John

RE: Governor's Awards for Excellence in the Arts / MS Arts Commission

The 2002 awards ceremony is scheduled for Friday, February 15. I met with Tim Hedgepeth at the Arts Commission last week to discuss the event. The winners this year are Stephen Ambrose, Lifetime Achievement; Andy Young, Artist's Achievement; John Paul, Artist's Achievement; Sally Carmichael, Arts Patron; Dr. Russell Thomas, Music Educator; Bologna Performing Arts Center, Cultural Leadership; the Village of Taylor, Civic Leadership in the Arts; and William Carey College Theatre, Collegiate Excellence in Theatre Arts.

He was concerned about the allegations surrounding Stephen Ambrose and the plagiarism in some of his books. With the work Ambrose has done for soldiers and with the D-Day Museum in New Orleans, I don't think anyone here will care about alleged charges of plagiarism.

The agenda for the event is just like last year – a luncheon at the Old Capitol Inn, an awards ceremony at the Old Capitol, and a reception for the winners at the Mansion. All these events are currently tentative on your calendar. Tim would like for you, if it is possible, to help present the awards along with Bill Dunlap.